

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 9:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at the **Tonto Natural Bridge State Park** located off **Highway 87, 10 miles north of Payson, AZ.** The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 9:00 AM**
- B. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT** - Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting, each presentation will be given approximately five minutes. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- D. CONSENT AGENDA** - The following items of a noncontroversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office, 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.
 - 1. Approve Minutes of May 15, 2003 State Parks Board Meeting.**
 - 2. Approve Executive Session Minutes of May 2003 State Parks Board Meeting**
 - 3. Consider Amending the Project to Add Scope Items Without Increasing Funding for LRSP Heritage Fund Project #650109 – Rotary Park Soccer Field Improvements** – Staff recommends amending the scope of LRSP Heritage Fund Project #650109 – Rotary Park Soccer Field Improvements – by adding a restroom, ramadas, and a shade cover for the bleachers. The Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORRC) unanimously concurred with this recommendation on June 12, 2003.
- E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - 1. View video "Making Sense of Place"**
 - 2. Review Policy of No State Parks in Maricopa or Pima Counties**
 - 3. Agency Communications**
 - 4. Organizational Overview**

F. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. **Section report** – Questions and comments regarding the FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2006 Strategic Plan; Questions and comments regarding the FY 2004 (revised) and FY 2005 (revised) Operating Budgets; Questions and comments regarding the SHPO Workplan Task List.
2. **Board actions needed:**
 - a. **Approval of FY 2004, FY 2005 and FY 2006 Strategic Plan** – Staff recommends that the Board approve the Three-Year Strategic Plan for FYs 2004, 2005, and 2006 and that the Executive Director be authorized to carry out the programs as required.
 - b. **Approval of FY 2004 (revised) and FY 2005 (revised) Operating Budgets** – Staff recommends that the Board approve the FY 2004 (revised) and FY 2005 (revised) Operating Budgets as a lump-sum and that the Executive Director be authorized to implement the programs, including submittal to the Governor's Office and legislature as required.
 - c. **Approval of the FY 2004 SHPO Workplan Task List** – Staff recommends that the Board approve the FY 2004 SHPO work program task list.
 - d. **Concession Contract at Patagonia Lake State Park** – Staff recommends that the board authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into negotiations and a contract for concession services at Patagonia Lake State Park.

G. PARTNERSHIPS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS- The Board and staff will discuss and the Board may take action on the following: (some of these reports may be verbal)

1. **Section Report** – City of Peoria Request for Reconsideration of Parks Board Action to Postpone Funding Decision for the 75th Avenue and Greenway Park Project (representatives from the City of Peoria may be present to address the Board on this issue); Legislative Recap; Summary Report on the Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference.

H. PARKS - The Board and staff will discuss and the Board may take action on the following: (some of these reports may be verbal)

1. **Section report** – Report on Tonto Natural Bridge State Park; Mabery License Agreement; Kartchner Caverns State Park Big Room Opening Plan (may include discussions on: "This Group" Planning Group Members and Responsibilities, Dates for Opening the Big Room to the Public, Reservations, Friends of Kartchner Caverns State Park Participation, Timelines of Activities, Discussion and Determination of Whether an Age Limit Is Necessary for Children on Big Room Tour, Practice Tours, Budget, Board Issues and Suggestions); Whetstone Springs; Slide Rock/Sedona Fire District Update and Feasibility; Sonoita Creek; Verde River Greenway; Hopi MOU Update and Discussion of Draft MOU; Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Interstate Ferry Proposal (Tribal Chairman Edward D. "Tito" Smith);
2. **Board Actions:**
 - a. **Arizona State Parks Capital Improvement – Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006** - Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board approve the Arizona State Parks Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006 as presented.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **To discuss or consult with its legal counsel in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the Board's position regarding contracts that are**

the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(4).

- a. Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation
 - b. Whetstone Springs Condemnation
2. To discuss or consult with designated representatives of the Board in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property per A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(7)
 - a. Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation
 - b. Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Interstate Ferry Proposal
 - c. Whetstone Springs Condemnation
 3. To discuss or consult with its attorneys for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3)
 - a. Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation
 - b. Whetstone Springs Condemnation
 - c. Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Interstate Ferry Proposal
- J. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** - The Board may discuss matters of Board procedure relative to its meetings. Board members may also wish to discuss issues of concern and direct staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.
- K. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING** - Staff is recommending that the next meeting be scheduled for September 18, 2003 in Scottsdale, Arizona.
- M. **ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks does not discriminate on the basis of a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Melodie Lander, (602) 542-7389; or TTY (602) 542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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